

# ***Pet Waste Pollution Prevention***



## ***Attention Pet Care Facility Owners:***

Did you know it's illegal<sup>1</sup> to rinse or dump pet waste into storm drains, ditches and streams?

Research has found dog waste to be a major source of bacteria and disease-causing pathogens in many urban waters, which could make these waters unsafe for human contact. In parts of Greensboro, it is estimated that up to 56% of fecal coliform bacteria in our streams originates from domestic pet waste<sup>2</sup>.

Pet waste that washes off of paved surfaces enters our storm drainage system, and flows directly into streams and lakes - untreated!

## ***Dispose of pet waste properly.***

When washing out kennels, boarding facilities, and grooming areas, please make sure that pet waste and contaminated water does not enter the street, parking lot, or storm drainage system. All waste should enter the sanitary sewer system or be disposed of in a proper manner.

Pet sitters and mobile pet care providers should be sure to clean up after their clients' pets rather than leaving waste on the yard, sidewalks, or streets.



Call Greensboro's Environmental Helpline  
at 373-2812 or visit our website at:  
[www.greensboro-nc.gov/stormwater](http://www.greensboro-nc.gov/stormwater)  
if you have questions or pollution concerns.

<sup>1</sup> Violators can be fined up to \$5000. Refer to Chapter 27 of the City of Greensboro Code of Ordinances.

<sup>2</sup> From *Fecal Coliform Total Maximum Daily Load for the Upper North Buffalo Creek Watershed, City of Greensboro, Guilford County: Public Review Draft. 2004*